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2. SUMMARY: HEAVY FIGHTING TOOK PLACE IN NEARBY  
PACHHAN DISTRICT THIS WEEK, AS SOVIET AND AFGHAN TROOPS  
ATTEMPTED UNSUCCESSFULLY TO DISLODGE MUJAHEDDIN FORCES  
WHICH HAD CONTROLLED THE AREA FOR SOME TIME. THE ATTACKING  
FORCES SUFFERED HEAVY CASUALTIES, INCLUDING VIRTUALLY THE  
WHOLE SOPHOMORE CLASS OF CADETS AT THE MILITARY SCHOOL AND  
DOZENS OF ARMORED VEHICLES, TRUCKS AND TWO HELICOPTERS.  
KADULIS ARE INTERPRETING THE BATTLE AS A BIG VICTORY FOR  
THE MUJAHEDDIN WHO TOOK MODERATE CASUALTIES THEMSELVES BUT  
DROVE BACK THE MUCH BETTER EQUIPPED DRA AND SOVIET FORCES.  
HUNDREDS OF CIVILIANS WERE KILLED IN SOVIET AIR AND ARTILLERY  
ATTACKS AND MANY OF THE VILLAGES IN THE DISTRICT WERE COMPLETELY  
LEVELLED. IN KADUL ITSELF POLITICAL ASSASSINATIONS CONTINUED,  
WITH THE MOST PROMINENT VICTIM BEING A WELL-KNOWN TV SINGER-  
PROPAGANDIST. IN WARDAK PROVINCE A DISAPPOINTED LOVER APPARENTLY  
TOLD AUTHORITIES THE TIME AND PLACE OF THE WEDDING OF THE  
LOCAL MUJAHEDDIN CHIEF TO HIS FORMER GIRLFRIEND, AND SOVIET  
AIRCRAFT BOMBED THE WEDDING PARTY AND KILLED MORE THAN 60  
GUESTS, INCLUDING THE BRIDE AND GROOM. MUJAHEDDIN AMBUSHED  
MANY CONVOYS ON THE MAIN HIGHWAY LEADING TO THE SOVIET BORDER,  
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DESTROYING MANY APC'S AND TRUCKS, KILLING RUSSIAN AND AFGHAN  
TROOPS, AND CARTING OFF MUCH-NEEDED CARGOS. WE DETECT A  
GROWING BACKLASH EVEN AMONG PARTY MEMBERS TO THE SLAUGHTER  
OF YOUNG DRAFTEES, THE CALLOUSNESS OF THE GOVERNMENT IN ITS  
HANDLING OF THE DEAD, AND THE INCREASING INTRUSION INTO ALL  
ASPECTS OF CITIZENS' LIVES. SEVERAL DRAMATIC EXAMPLES CAME  
TO OUR ATTENTION THIS WEEK. THE PRIVATE VISIT OF A JAPANESE  
SOCIALIST PARLIAMENTARIAN TO KADUL THIS WEEK WAS TREATED --  
AND EXPLOITED 2- AS IF IT WERE A STATE VISIT FROM A FRIENDLY  
NON-COMMUNIST COUNTRY. AT A PRESS CONFERENCE THE JAPANESE  
DEPUTY CAME OUT UNRESERVEDLY IN FAVOR OF THE AFGHAN

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REVOLUTION," ACCUSED HIS OWN GOVERNMENT AND PRESS OF LYING ABOUT THE SITUATION HERE, AND CONDEMNED U.S. ASSISTANCE TO PAKISTAN AS CONTRARY TO THE INTERESTS OF THE REGION. FINALLY, THE PARACHA PARTY NEWSPAPER EMBARRASSED ITSELF BY PRINTING AN ANTI-HADRAZ POEM WHICH APPARENTLY NOBODY IN AUTHORITY UNDERSTOOD UNTIL IT WAS TOO LATE. END SUMMARY

4. THE VILLAGES AND FOOTHILLS OF PAGHMAN DISTRICT SOME 20 KILOMETERS NORTHWEST OF KABUL WERE THE SCENE THIS WEEK OF THE HEAVIEST FIGHTING TO TAKE PLACE SO NEAR TO THE CAPITAL SINCE THE SOVIETS INVADED 19 MONTHS AGO. AS REPORTED IN KABUL 0997, AFGHAN AND SOVIET MILITARY OFFICIALS HAD BECOME INCREASINGLY FRUSTRATED BY MUJAHEDDIN CONTROL OF THIS KEY REGION AND HAD WARNED RESIDENTS TO LEAVE SO AS NOT TO BE HURT IN THE FORTHCOMING MILITARY OPERATIONS DESIGNED TO CLEAN OUT THE INSURGENTS. AS PIECED TOGETHER FROM REPORTS BY SEVERAL OF OUR MOST RELIABLE SOURCES, THE FIGHTING BEGAN ON JULY 13 AS A FORCE OF ABOUT 300 CADETS FROM THE MILITARY SCHOOL PROCEEDING FROM DARRAH INTO THE HILLS CAME UNDER HEAVY MUJAHEDDIN FIRE AND WAS EVENTUALLY SURROUNDED. USING BULLHORN, THE MUJAHEDDIN URGED THE CADETS TO JOIN THEM RATHER THAN BE KILLED, AND ABOUT 200 REPORTEDLY SURRENDERED AND WERE TAKEN INTO THE HILLS. THE REST WERE KILLED. (BRIEF)

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5. THE FOLLOWING DAY, A STRONG SOVIET/AFGHAN ARMORED FORCE SUPPORTED BY SOVIET HELICOPTER GUNSHIPS AND FIXED-WING AIRCRAFT, MOVED INTO THE AREA AS FAR AS THE HILLS, SHELLING, BOMBING AND STRAFING VILLAGES AND INDIVIDUAL HOUSES INDISCRIMINATELY IN RETALIATION FOR THE PREVIOUS DAY'S DEFEAT AND FOR SHELTERING MUJAHEDDIN FORCES FOR MANY MONTHS. VILLAGERS WHO

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TRIED TO FLEE INTO THE NEARBY HILLS WERE GUNNED DOWN, AND ONE SOURCE REPORTED THAT OTHERS WHO HAD TAKEN SHELTER FROM THE BOMBING IN CELLARS AND BUILDINGS IN THE VILLAGES WERE SHOT IN COLD BLOOD BY GROUND TROOPS WHO CAME IN AFTER THE AIR ATTACKS. ON AT LEAST ONE OCCASION SOVIET TROOPS WERE LANDED BY HELICOPTER TO REINFORCE A HEAVILY ENGAGED AFGHAN UNIT BUT WERE VIRTUALLY WIPED OUT BEFORE THEY COULD TAKE COVER. SOME SOVIET TROOPS WERE REPORTEDLY STRAFED AND BOMBED BY THEIR OWN SHIPS IN THE CONFUSION. ONE SOURCE WHO LIVES CLOSE TO WHERE THE FIGHTING TOOK PLACE SAW TWO HELICOPTERS ATTACKING MUJAHEDDIN POSITIONS AT 10:00 THAT MORNING COME UNDER HEAVY ANTI-AIRCRAFT FIRE AND IMMEDIATELY PULL UP OUT OF RANGE. FIGHTING CONTINUED THROUGHOUT THAT DAY AND EVENING, AND AFTER DARK MUJAHEDDIN FORCES ATTACKED THE HEAVILY FORTIFIED AFGHAN ARMY CAMP IN THE KING'S GARDENS ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF PAKHMAN BUT FAILED TO OVERRUN IT. A RESIDENT OF PAKHMAN TOWN (PROTECT) SAID THAT FROM MIDNIGHT TO 4:00 THE MORNING OF JULY 15 FOUR APC'S CONTINUALLY DROVE FROM ONE END OF TOWN TO THE OTHER FIRING THEIR HEAVY MACHINE GUNS IN ALL DIRECTIONS, OBVIOUSLY TO PUNISH AND INTIMIDATE RESIDENTS. (BRIEF)

5. SPORADIC FIGHTING CONTINUED DURING THE DAY ON JULY 15. [ ] WENT AS FAR AS KARGA DAM THAT AFTER NOON TO OBSERVE IT. HE SAID SOVIET FORCES CAMPED IN THE PLAINS BEYOND THE DAM  
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WERE APPARENTLY CONTROLLING OPERATIONS. HELICOPTERS PERIODICALLY LANDED NEARBY, GUIDED BY SMOKE GRENADES, AND TOOK OFF A SHORT TIME LATER AFTER CONSULTING WITH OFFICERS ON THE GROUND. HE COULD HEAR CONSTANT ARTILLERY AND MACHINE-GUN FIRE IN THE DISTANCE. ABOUT 5:00 THAT AFTERNOON THE SOVIETS BROKE CAMP AND BEGAN STREAMING BACK TO KABUL WITH THEIR FIELD KITCHENS, TANK TRUCKS, COMMAND VANS AND APC'S. SEPARATE OBSERVERS REPORTED THAT ALL OTHER SOVIET AND AFGHAN FORCES WHICH HAD TAKEN PART IN THE THREE-DAY BATTLE ALSO BEGAN PULLING BACK ON THE TWO MAIN ROADS ABOUT

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THE SAME TIME. ONE SOURCE COUNTED MORE THAN 300 APC'S, TANKS AND TRUCKS WHICH TOOK MORE THAN HOUR TO PASS HIS LOCATION. (BRIEF)

6. TIDING UP CASUALTIES AFTER SUCH A BATTLE IS ALWAYS DIFFICULT, BUT OUR BEST ESTIMATE IS THAT SEVERAL HUNDRED AFGHANS AND SOVIETS WERE KILLED OR WOUNDED, INCLUDING AT LEAST 70 CADETS KILLED IN THE FIRST DAY'S BATTLE, WITH PROBABLY 50 TO 100 MUJAHEDDIN FIGHTERS AND SEVERAL HUNDRED VILLAGERS KILLED. (ONE VILLAGER WHO HAD FLED TO KABUL EARLIER AND RETURNED TO LOOK FOR RELATIVES THE DAY AFTER THE BATTLE TOLD A HORRIFYING TALE OF HAVING SEEN "HUNDREDS" OF CIVILIAN CORPSES STACKED LIKE CORDWOOD WAITING FOR IDENTIFICATION AND BURIAL.) CIVILIAN CASUALTIES WOULD HAVE BEEN MUCH HIGHER IF LARGE NUMBRS HAD NOT TAKEN REFUGE WITH FAMILIES AND FRIENDS OUTSIDE THE AREA BEFORE THE DESTRUCTION OF THEIR VILLAGES STARTED. (ONE KABUL BARBER -- PROTECT -- TOLD US THAT 12 OF HIS RELATIVES FROM A VILLAGE NEAR PAGHMAN HAD BEEN STAYING WITH HIM FOR ALMOYT TWO WEEKS AND NOW WERE NOT ABLE TO GO BACK BECAUSE THEIR VILLAGE IN THE PASHADI VALLEY HAD BEEN FLATTENED.) THE SOVIET/AFGHAN FORCE ALSO LOST SEVERAL DOZEN TANKS AND APC'S AND AT LEAST TWO HELICOPTERS, ACCORDING TO AN EXCELLENT SOURCE. AS OF JULY 19 SEVERAL AFGHAN MILITARY AND POLICE UNITS KNOWN TO HAVE TAKEN  
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LEFT IN THE FIGHTING HAD STILL NOT RETURNED TO THEIR CAMPS IN KABUL BUT WE DO NOT KNOW WHETHER THEY WERE LEFT BEHIND AS A REAR GUARD, WERE CASUALTIES OR DESERTED. (BRIEF)

7. THIS MILITARY OPERATION CERTAINLY DID NOT ACHIEVE ITS OBJECTIVE OF CLEARING THE AREA OF MUJAHEDDIN AND MAY ACTUALLY HAVE RESULTED IN STRONGER INSURGENT CONTROL OF THE PACHMAN AREA, AS THOUSANDS OF MUJAHEDDIN REINFORCEMENTS FROM PACHMAN, WARDOK AND BANYAN PROVINCES ARE SAID TO HAVE ARRIVED IN THE AREA ABOUT THE TIME THE FIGHTING ENDED IN RESPONSE TO APPEALS FOR HELP. MOST KABULIS WE HAVE TALKED WITH CONSIDER THE BATTLE A BIG VICTORY FOR THE MUJAHEDDIN, AS THEY INVOLVED HEAVY CASUALTIES ON THE ATTACKING FORCE AND WERE NOT DRIVEN FROM THEIR POSITIONS. ABOUT THE BEST THAT CAN BE SAID FROM THE SOVIET/AFGHAN POINT OF VIEW IS THAT THEY MAY HAVE MADE ITTYA BY DE THE VILLAGES WHICH SUPPLIED AND SHELTERED THEM AND BY KILLING, INTIMIDATING OR DRIVING OFF MUCH OF THE CIVILIAN POPULATION. (BRIEF)

8. KABUL ITSELF THIS WEEK EXPERIENCED LESS NIGHT-TIME COMBAT ACTIVITY. BOTH SIDES WERE ENGAGED IN THE PACHMAN FIGHTING, BUT INDIVIDUAL ASSASSINATIONS CONTINUED. THE WELL-KNOWN PUSHTU SINGER, DAKHTZAMINA, WHO SUPPORTED THE REGIME AND PARTY WITH HER PROPAGANDA SONGS ON TELEVISION AND RADIO WAS SHOT TO DEATH AND MUTILATED IN HER HOME IN THE JADE HAIWAND DISTRICT JULY 16, BUT IN A  
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GLOWING FRONT-PAGE OBITUARY THE KABUL NEW TIMES SAID SHE HAD "PASSED AWAY AS A RESULT OF AN ILLNESS." AT LEAST ONE MORE MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL FATHERLAND FRONT GOVERNING BOARD, ABDUL HANIT, HAD BEEN MURDERED, AND CLAIMS THE MUJAHEDDIN HAVE A LIST OF 30 LEADING MEMBERS OF THE FRONT MARKED FOR ASSASSINATION BECAUSE OF THEIR "BETRAYAL." TWO PLO RESIDENTS ENGAGED IN UNDEFINED ACTIVITIES HERE WERE SHOT AS THEY LEFT THE PLO CHIEF'S RESIDENCE TO ATTEND THE IRAQI NATIONAL DAY RECEPTION JULY 16, BUT BOTH RECOVERED. (BRIEF)

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9. AT ABOUT 20:10 ON JULY 16 AN AFGHAN PARTY MILITANT  
DECIDED TO GUARD THE DCH'S RESIDENCE (PROTECT LOCATION)  
AND THAT THREE TIMES BY AN AFGHAN CIVILIAN WHO THEN CALM-  
LY PICKED UP THE GUARD'S AK-47 AND MAKAROV PISTOL AND  
CLIMBED INTO A TAXI WHICH HAD BEEN STANDING A SHORT  
DISTANCE AWAY. A SHOT WAS FIRED THE SAME AFTERNOON  
DURING PASSING MILITARY JEEP AT THE PARTY MEN GUARDING  
THE CHARGE'S RESIDENCE, AND INDIAN EMBASSY GUARDS HAD  
THE SAME EXPERIENCE A FEW DAYS EARLIER (PROTECT). IN OUR  
VIEW THESE SHOOTINGS DO NOT APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN DIRECTED  
AT THE EMBASSY FACILITIES INVOLVED BUT RATHER AT THE  
PARCHAN MILITANTS WHO WERE EASY TARGETS BECAUSE THEY  
WERE ASSIGNED TO STATIONARY EXPOSED LOCATIONS. (SEPTEL  
SENT DEPT IN SY CHANNELS.) (BRIEF)

10. A VERY GOOD SOURCE TELLS US THAT THREE PARTY  
MILITANTS WHO HAD BEEN GOING TO THE SHAH SHAID MOSQUE AT  
THE JESHYN GROUNDS DURING RAMADAN AND TAKING NOTES ON  
WHAT THE HULLAH SAID IN HIS SERMONS (ONE AVYVPLZO SZHSUM  
PRAY THAT GOD  
WILL GET THE SOVIET TROOPS OUT OF OUR  
COUNTRY"), WERE ALL SHOT TO DEATH ON THEIR WAY HOME  
FROM THE MOSQUE JULY 15, IN THE SAME PART OF MN Y DISTRIBUTOR \*OR  
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WAS KILLED ON HIS WAY HOME, PRESUMABLY BECAUSE HE WAS  
A TRUSTED INSIDER.

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11. A STORY GOING AROUND TOWN WHICH MAY BE TRUE (AND  
EXERCISE THE SAME PSYCHOLOGICAL EFFECT WHETHER  
TRUE OR NOT) IS THAT ONE MORNING LAST WEEK A BUS GOING  
EASTWARD TOWARD THE CITY CENTER WAS BOARDED AT  
THE STOP BY THREE MEN WHO SAID THEY NEEDED HELP IN A  
PERSONAL MATTER. DYNAMITE PARTY MEMBERS WHO WERE ON  
THE BUS. THREE MEN VOLUNTEERED THAT THEY WERE AND  
WENT OFF. WERE ASKED FOR THEIR PARTY IDENTITY  
CARDS AND WEAPONS, AND WERE THEN SHOT, AFTER WHICH  
THE ASSAILANTS STROLLED AWAY WITH THEIR GUNS. (BRIEF)

12. EARLY THIS WEEK SOVIET TROOPS BEGAN PATROLLING  
SEVERAL PARTS OF THE CITY DURING THE DAYTIME, INCLUDING  
TAKHISTAN, PARTS OF SHARI NAU, AND KARTE SE, PERHAPS  
INDICATING THE SOVIETS' INCREASING LACK OF CONFIDENCE  
IN THE ABILITY OF AFGHAN POLICE TO MAINTAIN SECURITY  
IN THE CAPITAL. MORE FREQUENT PATROLS BY GROUPS OF  
20-30 AFGHAN SOLDIERS WERE ALSO SEEN THROUGHOUT THE CITY.  
SEVERAL LONG SOVIET CONVOYS MOVED THROUGH KABUL THIS  
WEEK, INCLUDING ONE CONSISTING OF MORE THAN 40 DUSTY,  
MOTTLED TANK TRUCKS DRIVEN BY DARE-CHESTED, SUNBURNED RUSSIANS  
DOWN THE TOWNSHIP ROAD. (BRIEF)

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13. A VERY RELIABLE SOURCE HAS TOLD US ABOUT A WEDDING  
TAKEN PLACE LAST WEEK IN NAIKAN WHICH RESULTED IN  
THE DEATH OF THE LOCAL MUJAHEDDIN CHIEF AND MORE THAN  
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14. HIS FELLOW VILLAGERS. THE CHIEF HAD FALLEN IN  
LOVE AND COULD NOT BE TALKED OUT OF MARRYING A GIRL WHO  
HAD BEEN PROMISED TO SOMEONE ELSE. SOMEONE -- PERHAPS  
FROM THE FAMILY OF THE DISAPPOINTED FORMER SUITOR --  
TIPPED OFF THE AUTHORITIES HERE AND WHEN THE WEDDING  
WAS TO TAKE PLACE AND IT WAS BOBBED BY SOVIET AIRCRAFT,  
KILLING THE BRIDE AND GROOMHAND MOST OF THOSE ATTENDING.  
(BRIEF)

15. ACCORDING TO ANOTHER EXCELLENT SOURCE, MUJAHEDDIN  
ATTACKED A SMALL SOVIET/AFGHAN FORCE JULY 15 IN A...

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VILLAGE NEAR SAKROGH NORTH OF KABUL, DESTROYING TWO APC'S AND KILLING 12 RUSSIAN SOLDIERS. AFTER MOST OF THE FORCE HAD RETREATED A KHALQI OFFICER RETURNED TO THE VILLAGE AND TOLD THE MUJAHEDDIN AND THEIR FAMILIES TO EVACUATE IMMEDIATELY BECAUSE THE RUSSIANS WERE GOING TO RETURN IN FORCE TO TAKE REVENGE. WHEN THE SOVIETS CAME BACK AND FOUND THE VILLAGE EMPTY, THEY MINED AND BOOBY TRAPPED A NUMBER OF THE HOUSES AND WAITED IN HIDING FOR THE MUJAHEDDIN TO RETURN. CORNBURNED BY THE KHALQI, THE MUJAHEDDIN DID NOT FALL INTO THE TRAP BUT HIT THE SOVIETS FROM THE REAR AND DROVE THEM OFF, INFLECTING SEVERAL ADDITIONAL CASUALTIES.

15. FARTHER NORTH AT JABUL-Z-SERAJ ON THE MAIN ROAD TO THE SOVIET BORDER ON JULY 17, MUJAHEDDIN ATTACKED A LONG CONVOY AND DESTROYED MOST OF IT. AT KAREZZE-ABIS THE SAME DAY ANOTHER CONVOY WAS HIT AND 14 TANKS AND APC'S DESTROYED. NORTH OF THE SALANG PASS IN SAMANGAN PROVINCE SEVERAL OTHER CONVOYS ON THE SAME MAIN ROUTE HAVE BEEN AMBUSHED IN THE PAST TWO WEEKS, CARGOES OF WHEAT, FUEL AND OTHER COMMODITIES CARRIED OFF, AND TRUCKS AND APC'S BURNED. (BRIEF)

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16. WE HAVE SEEN SEVERAL INDICATIONS IN RECENT WEEKS OF GROWING REVULSION ON THE PART OF KABULIS TO MOUNTING CASUALTIES AMONG AFGHAN SOLDIERS, ESPECIALLY VERY YOUNG PARTY TROOPS, TO THE CALLOUSNESS OF AUTHORITIES

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IN THEIR TREATMENT OF THE DEAD, AND TO THE INCREASING  
INTERUSION BY THE REGIME INTO ALL ASPECTS OF CITIZENS LIVES.  
ON JULY 16 DOZENS OF FAMILIES OF MILITARY  
CADETS KILLED IN PAGHAM FIGHTING WENT TO THE 400-  
BED MILITARY HOSPITAL TO CLAIM THE BODIES WHICH HAD  
BEEN BROUGHT THERE IN PREPARATION FOR BURIAL. THEY  
BEGAN SHOUTING ABUSIVELY THAT THE CADETS HAD BEEN  
SENT TO THEIR DEATH FROM THE MILITARY SCHOOL IMPROPERLY  
AND ILL-EQUIPPED. DRA AUTHORITIES ISOLATED THEM FROM  
OTHERS AT THE HOSPITAL UNTIL THEY CALMED DOWN AND  
LATER FELT COMPELLED TO SINGLE OUT THE MILITARY CADETS  
ON TV AS "HEROIC MARTYRS" WHO HAD "SUCCESSFULLY"  
CARRIED OUT THE PATRIOTIC TASKS ASSIGNED THEM.

17. ONE OF OUR BEST SOURCES (PROTECT) ATTENDED THE  
BURIAL SERVICE OF A COUSIN KILLED IN COMBAT AND WATCHED  
THE BOY'S FATHER THROW THE 10,000 AFS DEATH BENEFIT  
INTO THE FACE OF HIS WIFE, A PARCHAMIST, SHOUTING,  
"HERE, THIS IS THE PRICE OF YOUR SON" MANY OF THE  
OTHER PARCHAMISTS PRESENT AT THE BURIAL WERE OPENLY  
TALKING AGAINST THE KARMAL REGIME, SAYING HE WAS KILLING  
OFF THEIR CHILDREN BY SENDING DEFENSE OF THE REVOLUTION  
YOUTH RATHER THAN SEASONED SOLDIERS TO THE FRONT LINES  
WHERE THEY WERE SLAUGHTERED. EVERYONE PRESENT AT THE  
CEMETERY WAS REVOLTED BY THE STENCH OF IMPROPERLY  
BURIED BODIES AND APPALLED WHEN THEY SAW A TRUCK  
CARRYING SIX DEAD SOLDIERS DUMP THEM UNCEREMONIOUSLY  
INTO A SHALLOW GRAVE ON TOP OF OTHER BODIES AND THEN  
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SHOVEL ONLY A FEW INCHES OF DIRT ON TOP OF THEM. (BRIEF)

18. THERE IS ALSO WIDESPREAD ANGER ABOUT BODY SEARCHES  
OF AFGHAN WOMEN BY SOVIET AND AFGHAN SOLDIERS.  
(BECAUSE OF THE MUSLIM TABOO AGAINST STRANGERS EVEN  
GETTING CLOSE TO WOMEN, MANY AFGHANS HAD BEGUN HIDING  
THEIR VALUABLES IN THE CLOTHING OF THEIR WIVES  
BEFORE SEARCHES. BUT WHEN THIS BECAME KNOWN BOTH  
AFGHAN AND SOVIET SOLDIERS BEGAN FRISKING WOMEN AS  
WELL AS MEN.) FRATERNIZATION OF FORCES WITH PARTY  
MEMBERS AND SOLDIERS HAS ALSO OFFENDED MANY IN THIS

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ELITE CONSERVATIVE SOCIETY, AND THE AYESHA-Z-DURRANI  
SCHOOL HAS BEEN DUBBED THE FAHES-E-DURRANI  
(SCHOOL OF DURRANI) SCHOOL BECAUSE SOME OF ITS STUDENTS  
ARE REPORTED TO HAVE CONSORTED WITH DRA AND SOVIET MEN.

19. CANDID AND UNETHICAL EFFORTS TO PRY INTO EVERY  
CORNER OF THE LIVES OF AFGHANS ALSO HAS CAUSING A BACK-  
LASH. RECENTLY PARTY MILITANTS HAVE BEEN BRIBING  
SMALL CHILDREN WITH CANDY AND FOOD TO TELL WHO COMES  
TO THEIR PARENTS' HOMES, WHAT THEY SAY ABOUT THE  
GOVERNMENT, ETC. BECAUSE OF THIS MANY PARENTS ARE  
BEGINNING TO KEEP THEIR CHILDREN OFF THE STREETS.  
ACCORDING TO A GOOD SOURCE, AT ONE MOSQUE IN KARTE  
IN DEFENSE OF THE REVOLUTION MILITANTS QUESTIONED  
ONE IMAM ON JULY 13 ABOUT THOSE WHO CAME TO HIS  
SERVICES, HOW LONG THEY HAD BEEN ATTENDING, WHAT KIND  
OF PRAYERS THEY MADE, AND SO ON. FULLY THREE-QUARTERS  
OF THE CONGREGATION HAS STOPPED GOING TO THAT MOSQUE  
SINCE THEN, FEARING THAT THEIR RELIGIOUS FEELINGS  
MAY LEAD THE REGIME TO CONCLUDE THAT THEY ARE DISSIDENTS.

20. [ ] OLD US THAT HUNDREDS  
OF UNIVERSITY STUDENTS COMING BACK FROM THE USSR  
FOR TWO MONTHS OF SUMMER VACATION WERE BEING ROUNDED  
UP AND SENT TO THE FRONT TO FIGHT, DESPITE THEIR OB-  
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SECTIONS THAT AS STUDENTS THEY WERE EXEMPT FROM  
MILITARY SERVICE. ON THE OTHER HAND, FAVORED PARTY

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WENT HOME FOR THEM

THOSE TAKEN INTO MILITARY SERVICE ARE OFTEN GIVEN  
GOOD AND PLEASANT ASSIGNMENTS.

WAS  
ASSIGNED BUT AFTER A FEW DAYS OF TRAINING WAS ASSIGNED  
TO HIS OLD JOB IN THE FOREIGN MINISTRY WITH ONLY  
A SLIGHT HEAD TONSHON FOR HIS MILITARY ORDEAL. (BRIEF)

A JAPANESE SOCIALIST PARLIAMENTARIAN, TAKUMI UEDA, AND  
AN ASSISTANT PAID A FOUR-DAY PRIVATE VISIT TO KABUL THIS  
MORNING.

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THEY ALREADY HAD MADE UP THEIR MINDS. THIS WAS EVIDENT  
IN THEIR REMARKS AT A PRESS CONFERENCE LATER IN THEIR  
VISIT WHEN THEY CAME OUT UNRESERVEDLY IN FAVOR OF THE  
AFGHAN "REVOLUTION," BLASTED THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT  
AND PRESS FOR LYING ABOUT CONDITIONS HERE, AND CON-  
DEMNED U.S. ASSISTANCE TO PAKISTAN AS "CONTRARY TO  
THE INTERESTS OF THE REGION." UEDA WAS RECEIVED BY  
AFGHAN MINISTER KESHIMAND, PARTY LEADERS BARYALAI,  
AFZAY AND BATERZAD, FOREIGN MINISTER DOST, CULTURAL  
AFFAIRS MINISTER SARBULAND AND NUMEROUS CABINET OFFICIALS;  
AND THEY WERE ENTERTAINED AS IF IT WERE A STATE VISIT.  
THE DAY AFTER THEY LEFT A GLOWING TWO-COLUMN EDITORIAL  
IN THE KABUL NEW TIMES COMPARED THEIR VISIT WITH THAT  
OF THE BRITISH LEFTIST PARLIAMENTARIANS SEVERAL MONTHS  
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HE HAS AN IMPORTANT COUNTER TO IMPERIALIST LIES ABOUT  
AFGHANISTAN AND PROOF OF THE INCREASING RECOGNITION OF  
THE "REALITY OF THE AFGHAN REVOLUTION" BY PROGRESSIVE  
AND PEACE-LOVING PEOPLES THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. (BRIEF)

IN AN ATTEMPT TO GIVE A BIT OF CONTEMPORARY CULTURE  
TO ITS ORY, PROPAGANDISTIC BI-WEEKLY JOURNAL HAQIQAT-  
IMDELADE-E-SAUR, THE POPA LATE LAST MONTH PRINTED  
A LONG POEM CALLED "OPPRESSION OF THE PEOPLE." TWO  
DAYS LATER SOMEONE IN AUTHORITY RECOGNIZED THAT THE POEM  
WAS IN FACT A DISGUISED CRITICISM OF BABRAK KARMAL FOR.

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DESTROYING THE COUNTRY BY INVITING IN THE "SUPERMAN,"  
AND ALL COPIES WHICH COULD BE FOUND WERE PICKED UP AND  
DESTROYED. PHOTOCOPIES OF THE POEM HAVE BEEN CIRCULATING  
IN THE CITY, HOWEVER, ALONG WITH TONGUE-IN-CHEEK  
QUESTIONS ABOUT WHICH NEWSPAPERS WOULD DARE TO SAY SUCH  
THINGS ABOUT THE COUNTRY'S PRESIDENT. HILLS

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